Hammond, Astoria men indicted in sex case

A fisherman once profiled by the San Francisco Chronicle and a second man with a history of drug-related arrests both were indicted in late November by the Clatsop County Grand Jury for sexual abuse against a woman in 2015.

Dennis Lee Sturgell Sr., 65, of Hammond was charged with unlawful sexual penetration against a woman while she incapacitated.

He was arrested and released on \$500,000 bail and faces 62 1/2 years in prison.



Sturgell

Campbell

James Herbert Cunningham, 46, of Astoria was charged with rape and attempted sexual abuse of the woman. He faces 58 years in prison and remains in iail, where he's serving time on a previous crime.

Sturgell was described as "the world's greatest fisherman" in a 2008 San Francisco Chronicle profile on the crabbing season.

In February 2009, he pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful use

of commercial crab pots and was fined and sentenced to 30 days in jail by the Tillamook County Circuit Court. In June of that year, he fought to have his commercial fishing license reinstated.

According to the Chronicle story, Sturgell bought his first boat when he was 17 and once owned a fleet of

In 1973, while returning to Hammond after doing some ocean crabbing, Sturgell watched as his brotherin-law's boat took a wave. rolled and went down. He rescued his brother-in-law. but the boat's deckhand and Sturgell's 6-year-old nephew died.

In 1994, one of his boats disappeared in the Gulf of Alaska during a storm, losing the entire crew as well as the boat.

Ministorage break-in leads to arrests

The Columbia Press

Two Seaside women were arrested Monday after they cut locks off at least one storage unit and loaded their pickup with items, according to a police report.

A nearby business owner told police he was leaving work about 11:50 p.m. Monday when he saw the women parked inside Out of Site Storage on Dolphin Avenue, a facility that's open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. only. They appeared to be breaking into one of the units, according to the report.

The women were driving away as officers arrived and their red Dodge Dakota was pulled over. In the bed were furniture and other items.

The women told police the items belonged to them and they'd been working with another officer regarding the theft of the items, according to the report.

Police contacted the owner of the storage units, who told them the women had no contract with Out of Site Storage and were not paying rent.

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leased another unit illegally. the owner told police, but no rent had been paid on that unit and cylinder locks had been placed that afternoon on all empty and unpaid units.

A lock on one empty unit had been cut off with a grinder, a second unit that was supposed to be empty had items in it with a new lock put on by someone other than the owner and a third lock had grind marks on it as if an attempt had been made to open it, according to police.

Shelly C. Decell, 53, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of criminal mischief III, theft of services, criminal trespassing, failure to carry and present a valid license and using an invalid license. She also was cited for driving while suspended.

Decell's daughter, Tiffany M. Schneider, 29, of Seaside, was arrested on suspicion of criminal mischief III, theft of services and criminal trespassing.

The women were booked at Clatsop County Jail and released, pending a court hear-

State lifts health advisory at Coffenbury Lake

The Oregon Health Authority this week lifted a health advisory for Coffenbury Lake that had been in place since July 28.

The lake, in Fort Stevens State Park,

Water monitoring confirmed that the levels of bluegreen algae and the toxins they produce are now below guideline values for human exposure, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

However, people should continue to be cautious with their pets in the lake because toxins are still above the very low exposure levels established for dogs. Recreational visitors should always be alert to signs of algae blooms in all waters, because blooms can develop and disappear throughout the season.

However, only a fraction of the many lakes and waterways in Oregon are monitored for blue-green algae by state, federal and local agen-

People, and especially small children and pets, should avoid areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea green, blue green or brownish red in color. Also

avoid any water that has a thick mat of blue-green algae or if bright green cells are suspended in the water.

If you observe these signs, avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets, such as swimming or high-speed water activities. For health information, to report human or pet illnesses due to blooms, or to ask questions, contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0400.

Information about advisories issued or lifted can be found on the information line at 877-290-6767.

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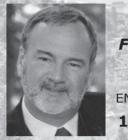
- •Male with chest pain, 5:52 a.m. Nov. 29, 700 block East Harbor
- Female who fell, 1:20 p.m. Nov. 30, 200 block Southwest Alder
- ·Female with difficulty breathing, 3:50 p.m. Dec. 1, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.
- •Female with chest pain, 4:32 a.m. Dec. 2, 1600 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.
- •Male with difficulty breathing, 12:29 p.m. Dec. 2, 600 block South Highway 101.
- •Male who broke leg in fall, 3:53 p.m. Dec. 2, 100 block Southeast Neptune Avenue.
- ·Male having difficulty breath-

- ing, 4:50 p.m. Dec. 2, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.
- •Unresponsive female, 6:45 p.m. Dec. 2, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.
- Male with possible heart attack, 8:11 a.m. Dec. 3, Air Force Reserve Building, Camp Rilea.
- •Female with possible stroke, 11:12 p.m. Dec. 3, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.

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